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(Proceedings to be Inserted Prior to Colloquy Between the Court and Shawn Gardner.)

THE COURT: Please be seated. Good morning. Counsel, do we want to move to the evidentiary matters first?

DEFENDANT MITCHELL: I object. I object. For the record, I am Willie Edward Mitchell, Third, in a special visitation, under threats, duress, and coercion, not general, not pro se. This Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction for a lack of verified complaint and lack of verified complaint sworn under oath. This Court by its own motion can dismiss the alleged charge and the alleged case against Willie Edward Mitchell, Third, live flesh and blood man.

I do not consent to any of these proceedings. I do not understand any of these proceedings. I haven't signed any contract with any agent or agency affiliated with this Court that compels me to perform to certain terms and conditions.

For the record, my attorneys, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rhodes, are fired. They have agreed not to defend the United States, the Maryland Constitution with their sworn oath to uphold it.

They have also sworn an oath to this Court as doing business as the State of Maryland. Also sworn an oath to the bar association, along with the prosecutor. So by its own actions and omissions by not signing my commercial contract or agreement of conflict of interest to represent me with clean and free hands, they're incompetent to represent me, Willie Edward

Mitchell, Third, live flesh and blood man.

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Also, for the record, if the United States Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney himself, or the United States Assistant Attorneys, Robert Harding and Christine Manuelian, feel as they represent me, Willie Edward Mitchell, the Third, live flesh and blood man, they're fired, also.

I'm not that man that shows on the face of the indictment written in all capital letters nor am I the surety of that name. My name is spelled in proper English grammar as Willie, capital W, lower case I, lower case L, lower case L, lower case L, lower case I, lower case E. Capital E, lower case D, lower case W, lower case A, lower case R, lower case D. Capital M, lower case I, lower case T, lower case C, lower case H, lower case E, lower case L, lower case L. The Third, capital T, lower case H, lower case I, lower case R, lower case D.

I'm not a civil servant, meaning I'm not black,

Afro-American, African-American, Negro, none of the above. And
when subject matter jurisdiction is challenged, all court
proceedings must stop. We must deal with the issue at hand.

THE COURT: Be careful, don't knock over the pitchers.

DEFENDANT MARTIN: I object to these court proceedings. For the record, I am no other than Shelley Wayne Martin, live flesh and blood man, here by special visitation, under threats, duress and coercion, not general, not pro. This Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction for lack of verified complaint and

lack of verified complaint sworn under oath.

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This Court by its own motion could dismiss these alleged charges against Shelley Wayne Martin, live flesh and blood man.

I do not consent. I do not understand any of these court proceedings. I do not understand any of these charges in this alleged case, in AMD-04-029. I didn't sign any contract with this court, any agent or agency affiliated with this court that compels me to act under certain terms and conditions.

Also, for the record, if anybody in the United States
Attorney's Office thinks they represent Shelley Wayne Martin,
live flesh and blood man, they are fired, including assistants
that are here present today, Ms. Manuelian, Mr. Harding.

Also, for the record, if Jim Pyne and Thomas Crowe think they represent Shelley Wayne Martin, live flesh and blood man, they are fired because they agree not to defend the Maryland, United States Constitution they were sworn to uphold. They also have a sworn oath with the federal courts, doing business as the State of Maryland.

They also have a sworn oath to the bar association, along with the prosecutors.

So by its own action or omission of not signing the attorney's contract or commercial agreement of no conflict of interest, there is a conflict to represent me.

Also, for the record, I am not a civil servant, I am

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not a black, Afro-American, colored, Negro or any of the above.

DEFENDANT HARRIS: I also object to these court proceedings. For the record, are you aware that I am no other than Shelton Lee Harris, Junior, live flesh and blood man, here by special visitation, under threats, duress and coercion, not general and not pro se. This Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction for lack of verified complaint and for lack of verified complaint sworn under oath.

This Court by its own motions can dismiss the alleged case and the alleged charges against me, Shelton Lee Harris,

Junior, live flesh and blood man. I don't consent. I don't

understand any of these Court's proceedings. I didn't sign any

contract with this court, any agency affiliated with this court

that compels me to perform certain terms and conditions.

If these attorneys, Gerard Martin or Bill Kanwisher, think they represent me, they are fired. I sent them an attorney contract by affidavit of commercial agreement of no conflict of interest, which they did not respond to. Therefore, the attorneys has agreed not to defend the Maryland and United States Constitution they have swore to uphold.

They have also sworn an oath to the federal courts, doing business as the State of Maryland, and to the bar association. So by their own actions and omission, not signing the contract by affidavit, there is a conflict of interest.

As a matter of fact, I want counsel. Yet every

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attorney I have spoken with has a conflict of interest because they have sworn an oath to support my adversary, the United States of America and the United States District Courts.

And if the United States Attorney himself and Assistant United States Attorneys, Robert Harding and Christine Manuelian, think they represent me, they are fired.

Also, for the record, I am not colored, black, Negro, or Afro-American.

MR. COBURN: Your Honor, I request to be heard before Mr. Gardner says anything. I think Your Honor has discretion to do that and request that Your Honor hear me before he grabs the microphone and says anything.

THE COURT: Certainly, Mr. Coburn.

MR. COBURN: I appreciate that very much.

As Your Honor knows, this is something that's arisen only extremely recently. And my co-counsel and I, and I think all the other lawyers here, are striving to understand just exactly what's going on.

My concern, and I think it is an extremely serious concern at this very moment, is that to the extent -- and obviously my only concern is to Mr. Gardner, I don't represent any of the other defendants here -- to the extent he says anything at this proceeding, should this case end up going to penalty phase, I'm extremely concerned that the government may seek to make use of it as an aid to arguing to the jury in favor

of death as opposed to life without parole.

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My concern about this relates specifically to one issue. There is very likely to be a mitigating factor that we're going to urge strenuously to the jury in this case with respect to adjustment to incarceration and lack of dangerousness to other inmates and prison guards and so on. My concern is that the government is going to try to make use of what the defendants are saying here right now to argue against that mitigator and possibly to argue against certain aggravators that they are going to propose.

So I haven't had a chance, nor has Professor Kurland, to talk to Mr. Gardner about this. I don't think he's advised as of right now with respect to this, what I consider to be an extremely grave danger. So I would ask Your Honor either not to hear from him right now until such time as we have a chance to at least talk to him to make sure he has a clear understanding of what's going on, or if there's any sense where he has to talk immediately, I would ask Your Honor to adjourn the proceeding until we have a chance to talk to him.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Coburn. Well, I think the record will reflect with perfect clarity that I never recognized any of the defendants to speak.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: I entered the court and immediately

1 addressed my remarks to the United States Attorneys as to whether 2 we should begin with the evidentiary issues that are before the 3 Court today. And before Mr. Harding or Ms. Manuelian had an 4 opportunity to respond, you all saw and heard Mr. Mitchell grab 5 the microphone there at trial table and began to speak. And 6 until you spoke, the only people speaking in the courtroom were 7 Mr. Mitchell and his codefendants, as we just heard. A DEFENDANT: I object. I'm not a defendant. 8 9 A DEFENDANT: I object. 10 THE COURT: Now, it appears that at least as to these 11 three defendants there's --12 A DEFENDANT: I object. I'm not a defendant in this 13 matter. THE COURT: -- there's an intention --14 15 A DEFENDANT: I also object. 16 THE COURT: -- to disrupt these proceedings by voicing 17 objections whenever the Court attempts to address counsel. 18 we'll just see where it goes. 19 If you want to speak to Mr. Gardner, certainly you can 2.0 do that now. 21 MR. COBURN: I would --22 A DEFENDANT: I object. 23 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. I didn't 24 hear you.

MR. COBURN: I would be very grateful for the

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       on the husher for just a few moments.
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                 A DEFENDANT: I object.
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       to speak to Mr. Gardner.
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                 MR. COBURN: Thank you so much, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Coburn, let me, before I hear
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       from you, let me just state explicitly what I didn't have a
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       chance to state before but which you quite correctly leapt to
       your feet to try to make clear to your client and all the
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1 A DEFENDANT: I object. 2 A DEFENDANT: I object. 3 THE COURT: -- any such statements are being made part 4 of the record. And it could well be the government will be 5 permitted to use any such statements in future proceedings in 6 this case. So each defendant --7 A DEFENDANT: I object. 8 A DEFENDANT: I object. 9 THE COURT: -- is well advised not to say anything, to 10 confer with his counsel, and to consider seriously the advice 11 that they get from their counsel. 12 A DEFENDANT: I object. 13 A DEFENDANT: I object. 14 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Bill Kanwisher and Gerald Martin are fired. 15 16 A DEFENDANT: I object. 17 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Coburn --18 A DEFENDANT: I object. 19 THE COURT: -- did you need to say anything more at 2.0 this point? Approach the lectern, please. 21 DEFENDANT GARDNER: I object. For the record, I am no 22 other than Shawn Earl Gardner, live flesh and blood man here, 23 subject to visitation, under threat, duress and coercion, not 24 general, not pro se. This Court lacks subject matter 25 jurisdiction for lack of verified complaint and lack of verified

complaint sworn under oath.

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This Court, by its own motion, can dismiss this alleged case and alleged charges against Shawn Earl Gardner, live flesh and blood man. I don't consent. I don't understand any of these court proceedings. I didn't sign any contract with this court or any agent or agency affiliated with this court that compelled me to perform under certain terms and conditions. I do not understand any of these alleged charges in Case Number AMD-04-029 in the district court located at 101 Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.

For the record, if Barry Coburn and Adam Kurland think they represent me, they are fired, because I sent them both attorney contracts by affidavit of commercial agreement of no conflict of interest, which they did not respond. Therefore, they have agreed not to defend the Maryland and United States Constitution they have sworn to uphold. They also have sworn an oath to the federal courts doing business as the State of Maryland. They also have sworn an oath with the bar association, along with the prosecution.

So by their own action and admission of not signing the contract I sent by affidavit, there is a conflict of interest.

As a matter of fact, I want counsel. Every attorney I have spoken with have a sworn oath to support my adversary, the United States of America and the United States District Court.

If the State's Attorney, Rod Rodstein (sic) thinks he

1 represents me, he is fired. If Assistant United States Attorney, 2 Robert Harding, thinks he represents me, he's fired. 3 Assistant United States Attorney, Christine Manuelian, thinks she 4 represents me, she's fired. 5 I am no civil servant. I am not black, colored, 6 Afro-American or Negro. THE COURT: All right. Let me say to the defendants --7 8 A DEFENDANT: I object. 9 A DEFENDANT: I object. A DEFENDANT: I object. I'm not a defendant in this 10 11 matter. A DEFENDANT: I'm not a defendant. I'm a live flesh 12 13 and blood man. 14 THE COURT: Your objections are noted for the record. 15 If it's your intention to interrupt the Court whenever the Court 16 attempts to speak, you're going to force the Court simply to 17 remove you from the courtroom. And I don't want to do that. 18 I think you owe it to your attorneys --DEFENDANT MARTIN: I object. I fired Thomas Crowe 19 2.0 and --2.1 THE COURT: I understand you wish to discharge your 22 attorneys and we will get to that, if you will just give the 23 Court a chance to proceed. 24 A DEFENDANT: I do not consent or understand any of

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this court's proceedings.

THE COURT: Well --

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A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: Well, I want to give each --

DEFENDANT MITCHELL: I object that you keep calling me a defendant, which I'm not, in this matter. So I would please, I would ask you to address me by my God-given name, which is Willie Edward Mitchell, the Third. Thank you.

THE COURT: I'm trying to address the lawyers. I want to invite Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Rhodes to approach the lectern and make any statement they deem appropriate or necessary at this time by way of explanation or non-explanation.

(Pause in proceedings.)

THE COURT: Let me just say, Mr. Sullivan, what you and counsel may already be aware of. The Court is fully aware of the phenomenon that we are witnessing this morning. And indeed, like Judge Motz, I have another case in which the defendant has made assertions and filed papers similar to the papers that were filed in this case.

As we all are probably aware, just last week Judge Motz tried to verdict two defendants who were making the same sorts of claims that we are beginning to see more and more of. So I have the general background knowledge of this phenomenon and I suspect that counsel are aware as well.

So I'll be glad to hear from Mr. Sullivan and then I'll go down the line and give other counsel an opportunity to be

heard.

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MR. SULLIVAN: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor, the only prudent thing that I think I can say at this point is that Ms. Rhodes and myself stand ready, willing and able to represent Mr. Mitchell.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

MR. SULLIVAN: That we don't believe there's been an effective assertion of his right to self-representation under Faretta. And we're ready to assist him.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. CROWE: Your Honor, I agree with Mr. Sullivan that there hasn't been an assertion to the right of self-representation under <u>Faretta</u>. There has been --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

MR. CROWE: -- difficulty, and I think other defense counsel have had some difficulty preparing for trial. I would suggest to the Court the appropriate thing to do is to adjourn these proceedings for perhaps two hours to give counsel a chance to confer with their clients --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

MR. CROWE: -- in the marshal's lock-up. It may or may not be successful but I think it's what should happen at this point.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Crowe. Mr. Martin?

1 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object to anything Gerald Martin 2 and Bill Kanwisher is about to say. 3 THE COURT: It's noted. MR. MARTIN: Your Honor, I echo what Mr. Sullivan and 4 5 Mr. Crowe said, although I truly believe, having attempted to 6 speak with Mr. Harris on a number of occasions --7 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. MR. MARTIN: -- over the last few days, that it's not 8 9 going to bear any fruit. He won't talk to me. But I do think we 10 should at least try. And I echo everything else that they said. 11 I don't think there's been an effective --12 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I am no longer Gerard Martin and 13 Bill Kanwisher's client. I am not a defendant in this matter. 14 THE COURT: Would you repeat that? DEFENDANT HARRIS: I am not a defendant in this matter. 15 16 MR. MARTIN: I agree with what Mr. Mitchell says, for 17 the record. I mean Mr. Sullivan. 18 MR. COBURN: I know that Mr. Gardner is a live flesh 19 and blood man and I care deeply about him. I think he knows 2.0 that. I think what's going on here basically is that -- I also 2.1 join in with respect to Faretta. 22 But I'm extremely concerned, extremely concerned about 23 whether we're in a position right now to hold proceedings. 24 THE COURT: Mr. Coburn, have you received or at least 25 (inaudible.) One of the things that strikes me about what

1 these defendants filed, they are identical. They filed identical 2 pleadings. Each filed motions for requests for understanding. 3 It certainly appears they were filed on the same day. It appears 4 they were prepared on the same word processor. 5 Do you have any insight? Who's doing this for them? 6 MR. COBURN: I'm wondering the same thing, Your Honor. 7 I don't know who's doing it for them and I don't have any insight into it. But the fact, the observation that Your Honor made 8 9 plays directly into my concern about individual decisionmaking. 10 THE COURT: Well, I can tell all of counsel that if it 11 comes down to a, to a Faretta colloquy proceeding, as labor 12 intensive as it would be, I would certainly conduct those 13 proceedings one by one with each defendant. 14 A DEFENDANT: I object. I am not a defendant. 15 A DEFENDANT: I object. I am not a defendant in this 16 matter. 17 A DEFENDANT: I object. I am not a defendant in this 18 matter. 19 THE COURT: Let me give the government an opportunity 2.0 to be heard. Ms. Manuelian, were you in Judge Motz's case? 2.1 MS. MANUELIAN: Yes. Yes. 22 THE COURT: I thought so. 23 MS. MANUELIAN: Your Honor, my understanding of this 24 motion that's been going around that was filed by the defendants

and that was before Judge Motz, it's not that it's a Faretta

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issue that the defendants wish to represent themselves. It's that the defendants believe nobody that is appointed by the Court can adequately represent them without signing the contracts, which obviously will not be done.

The prior experience that I had with Judge Motz I think was a good one in terms of Judge Motz making the record as best he could in that instance. In that instance the two defendants were not as vocal as these defendants. But a record was made --

A DEFENDANT: I object. I'm not a defendant in this matter.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

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MS. MANUELIAN: -- the record was made with respect to ascertaining that they were knowingly, essentially, absenting themselves from the proceeding. And I think we do need to do that at some point, as difficult as it might be.

The government's position, obviously, is clearly the defendants have a right to be in the courtroom.

A DEFENDANT: I object. I am not a defendant in the matter.

MS. MANUELIAN: We feel that they should be in the courtroom. There may be issues that arise during the proceedings with respect to identifications. That was an issue that we addressed with Judge Motz. It probably wasn't as critical, however, in our case because it was a lot of law, there were a lot of law enforcement witnesses.

We actually are going to have civilian witnesses and identifications are going to be a major issue in this case.

Obviously, the Court's concern, especially given what we're seeing this morning, is how disruptive the individuals will be during the proceedings. And what Judge Motz did was told the individuals in the courtroom or the subject of charges that at any point in time --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

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A DEFENDANT: I object.

MS. MANUELIAN: -- they would be given an opportunity to advise the marshals that they wanted to come back into the courtroom and then he would make provisions to do that.

They were brought in in important proceedings. In other words, the start of the case, the record was made. They were then taken out at the time the jury was actually selected. They were brought back in to view the panel that had been selected. Then they were gone for most of the proceedings thereafter. They were brought back in to be advised of their right to testify in their own behalf. Then they were not brought in for the hearing of the verdict because they made it very clear that they did not wish to be part of the proceeding.

THE COURT: I had a somewhat similar situation just a couple years ago where the defendants chose not to attend the trial but I was able to have a video in the lockup so they could watch. And I followed the procedure that I just described and

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the Fourth Circuit found no difficulty. But the inquiry must be searching and thorough, of course, to insure that the defendant chooses not to be present. And the defendant has to be given regular opportunities, as Judge Motz did, to change his mind and to join the proceedings.

I am not aware, Ms. Manuelian, of anything like this ever happening in a capital case.

MS. MANUELIAN: No, Your Honor. I'm not aware of that. It's my understanding that a lot of these rogue motions are making their way through the Internet and that that's how they're coming into the hands of, I guess, the individuals in jail who feel that this is something that they need to do to preserve the record.

What Judge Motz made very clear to them repeatedly, as

I'm sure the Court will, that by participating in the proceedings

they're not waiving their right to raise the subject matter

jurisdiction argument should the case go to verdict and they are

convicted and then they file an appeal.

And they also were told that they had the opportunity to view the proceedings, that we could set something up for that. They declined that because of the nature of the motion.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. MANUELIAN: And Your Honor, we only received a two page motion. I don't know if we have a complete motion. You seem to have a thicker pack. So we might want to get a copy of

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THE COURT: There appears to be some redundancy.

Frankly, I'm not even sure -- actually, yeah. It appears that there are, I guess, five separate documents. But we will figure it out and make sure that everybody has a complete set of whatever was filed.

Is there another court file or do I have everything?

Yeah. It looks like the pro se documents haven't even made their way into the court file yet. The clerk's stamp is on the copies that I have but, frankly, I'm not sure.

We'll be careful because I know that sometimes the clerk's office understandably can become somewhat confused in a criminal case when documents come in, pro se documents come in.

And it may be that what I'm holding in my hand are the originals and two copies and that the originals haven't yet been filed and docketed.

Everything came in yesterday. So they were just received within the last 24 hours or the last day. These were filed on the 14th.

They have been docketed. They were docketed yesterday afternoon. So the question is whether, whether, in fact, I have the originals or whether the originals are just still in the clerk's office. And I frankly don't see a certificate of service. Although I think you did become aware that they've been filed.

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MS. MANUELIAN: We received something last week. That was just a two page motion objecting to the subject matter jurisdiction. What you received yesterday seems to be something different, which we don't have.

THE COURT: We'll figure all that out.

MS. MANUELIAN: Judge, with respect to, I didn't address some of the comments of counsel with respect to taking a little bit of time to talk to their clients. I don't think --

A DEFENDANT: I object. I'm not a client in this matter.

MS. MANUELIAN: I don't think we would object to a court recess for that because we do need to make some sort of record about the inability of counsel to confer.

THE COURT: Okay. Yes, Mr. Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: With all due respect to Ms. Manuelian and Mr. Crowe, two hours or three hours is not going to, not sufficient time to resolve this problem. You know, I would suggest to the Court that we plow ahead with full speed.

And what Ms. Manuelian raised, we're, the death penalty counsel here are in a terrible, terrible position. Quite frankly, I'm terribly conflicted by this because I have plenty of clients throughout the country who want me to save their life. And it just puts us in a terrible bind.

Either we adjourn today and use another one of our dates coming up that's already scheduled to move forward, but to

1 just have two hours off, I know that Mr. Mitchell is not going 2 to --3 DEFENDANT MITCHELL: I object. 4 MR. SULLIVAN: And the rest of them are probably having 5 the same problem with their counsel, too. So to delay a couple 6 hours, we're going to be exactly back where we are today. 7 In the context of the capital litigation, Your Honor, I can only speak for myself. I'm not looking forward to 8 9 representing an empty chair in a penalty phase. And there's all 10 kinds of problems with that, given the Eighth Amendment overtone 11 that they're seeking to take Mr. Mitchell's life. 12 DEFENDANT MITCHELL: I object. 13 THE COURT: Mr. Sullivan, I assure you, and I'm 14 confident I speak in a spirit joined in by Ms. Manuelian and Mr. Harding, as well as other counsel, we know exactly what you're 15 16 saying. You've said it very well and clear. Frankly, it can't 17 be improved upon. It is quite apparent that Mr. Mitchell, Mr. 18 Martin, Mr. Harris --19 A DEFENDANT: I object. 2.0 DEFENDANT MARTIN: I object. My name is Shelley Wayne 2.1 Martin, live flesh and blood man.

DEFENDANT MITCHELL: My name is Willie Edward Mitchell, Third, live flesh and blood man, here by special visitation.

Junior, live flesh and blood man.

DEFENDANT HARRIS: My name is Shelton Lee Harris,

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1 THE COURT: The Court thought I was okay calling you 2 Mr. Mitchell. 3 DEFENDANT MITCHELL: No. The Court, I asked the Court to call me Willie Mitchell, Willie Edward Mitchell, Third, to be 4 5 exact, my God given name, Mr. Davis. Thank you. 6 THE COURT: So I was saying that the defendants --7 A DEFENDANT: I object. 8 A DEFENDANT: I object. 9 A DEFENDANT: I object. 10 A DEFENDANT: I object. 11 THE COURT: -- seem determined to be as disruptive as 12 they can be verbally, so that that is a new twist to this 13 phenomenon. I'm not aware, as Ms. Manuelian mentioned, of any 14 other defendant in any other cases --15 A DEFENDANT: I object. 16 A DEFENDANT: I object. 17 DEFENDANT MARTIN: I object. I am no other than 18 Shelley Wayne Martin, live flesh and blood man. 19 A DEFENDANT: I object. 2.0 THE COURT: -- being verbally disruptive. It seems to 2.1 me I should proceed to the appropriate inquiry because I think it 22 would be a real affront to the dignity of counsel and to the 23 dignity of these proceedings under the circumstances to force 24 counsel on these defendants.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

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1 A DEFENDANT: I object. 2 A DEFENDANT: I object. I am not a defendant. I have 3 not consented to any of these court proceedings. 4 A DEFENDANT: I do not consent to any of these court 5 proceedings. 6 THE COURT: So I am going to ask the marshals to please 7 remove Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Martin --8 A DEFENDANT: I object. 9 A DEFENDANT: I object. DEFENDANT MARTIN: I object. I am no other than 10 11 Shelley Wayne Martin, live flesh and blood man. 12 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I am no other than Shelton Lee 13 Harris, Junior, live flesh and blood man. 14 THE COURT: And we will start the, I don't know if it's 15 going to turn out to be a Faretta inquiry or not. I suspect not. 16 But we'll start the inquiry with Mr. Gardner. 17 A DEFENDANT: I object. 18 THE COURT: And the Court will address each of these individually. I'll ask counsel, of course, to stay with us. 19 So if the marshals would remove these three defendants. 2.0 2.1 A DEFENDANT: Object. 22 A DEFENDANT: I object. 23 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I am no other than Shelton Lee 24 Harris, Junior, live flesh and blood man. 25 THE COURT: And we will notify the marshal's office

when we are ready for Mr. Harris, Mr. Martin and Mr. Mitchell.

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DEFENDANT MITCHELL: I object. I am Willie Edward Mitchell, Third.

DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. I am Shelton Lee Harris,
Junior.

(Excerpt transcript by Sharon Cook to be inserted here.)

MR. MARTIN: Your Honor if you would, may I say something?

THE COURT: Certainly, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN: (Inaudible.) I don't know what's going on there at Supermax. I don't expect to have a solution to any of what's going on. I don't think this is going to do anything other than have them act up again. It may well pre-ordain his not being here during the proceedings.

As you know, Your Honor, I have told them that this is a fast track to a legal objection. He doesn't want to listen to me about that. Now I'm stuck in a case where I don't get very much discovery from the government and I've got to defend him. It's almost an impossible task.

I think I would like to have a little more time than what we've had here to try to get to him in some manner to talk to him and maybe perhaps have his mother and sister come see him before we have to do this because you may well decide at the end of the next colloquy that you're going to tell him that he can't

1 be in the courtroom. Then I'll really be in a pickle because 2 I've got another defendant who might be in the courtroom and my 3 defendant who isn't. 4 It's not easy for anybody to deal with. And I've never 5 had to deal with this before. 6 Those are my concerns, before you go through that 7 colloquy with him, Your Honor. Thank you very much, Mr. Martin. I'm very 8 THE COURT: sensitive of that. I will say, based on what I've observed, I 9 10 don't hold out any hope that any of the other three will be 11 anywhere near as respectful and attentive as Mr. Gardner was. 12 But we'll see. 13 (Defendant Harris enters the courtroom.) THE COURT: Mr. Harris. 14 15 DEFENDANT HARRIS: For the record, I don't consent, I 16 don't understand any of these Court's proceedings. 17 THE COURT: I realize you don't want me to use --18 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 19 THE COURT: Are you willing to engage in discussion with me? 2.0 2.1 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 22 THE COURT: You're not willing to listen? 23 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 24 THE COURT: Does that mean no? 25 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.

THE COURT: Do you realize --

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DEFENDANT HARRIS: For the record, I am no other than Shelton Lee Harris, Jr., live flesh and blood man. Here by special visitation. Here under threats, duress and coercion, not pro se. This court lacks subject matter jurisdiction for lack of verified complaint and for lack of verified complaint sworn under oath.

This Court by its own motions can dismiss the alleged case and alleged charges against me, Shelton Lee Harris, Junior, live flesh and blood man. I don't consent, I don't understand any of these Court's proceedings. I didn't sign any contract with this court or any agent or any agency affiliated with this court that could cause me to perform certain terms and conditions.

Also, for the record, these attorneys, Gerard Martin and Bill Kanwisher, are fired. I sent a contract of commercial agreement of no conflict of interest, which they did not respond to. Therefore, the attorneys has agreed not to defend the Maryland and United States Constitution they have sworn to uphold.

They have also sworn an oath to the federal courts doing business as the State of Maryland, and to the bar association. So by their own actions and omission of not signing the contract by affidavit, there is a conflict of interest.

As a matter of fact, every attorney I have spoken with

1 has a conflict of interest because they have sworn an oath to 2 support my adversary, the United States of America and the United 3 States District Court. 4 If the United States Attorney himself and Assistant 5 United States Attorneys, Robert Harding and Christine Manuelian, 6 think they represent me, they are fired, also. 7 For the record, I am not colored, black, Negro or Afro-American. I don't consent. I don't understand any of these 8 9 court's proceedings. Point blank. 10 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Harris --11 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. My name is Shelton Lee 12 Harris, Junior, live flesh and blood man. 13 THE COURT: -- since you won't --14 DEFENDANT HARRIS: That's what I would like for you to 15 state me by. Shelton Lee Harris, Junior, live flesh and blood 16 man. 17 THE COURT: Since you won't permit the Court --18 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 19 THE COURT: -- to address you --2.0 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 21 THE COURT: -- what the Court's going to do --22 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand 23 any of these court's proceedings. While we was talking, we 24 talking about consent, I don't understand any of these court's

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proceedings. That's it.

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                 THE COURT: I just want you to understand --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- that what the Court's going to do --
                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings. There's nothing for me to
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       understand. I don't understand nothing, none of these court
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      proceedings at all.
                 THE COURT: -- the Court's going to provide you --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- with a copy --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- of the transcript --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- of the Court's discussion --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings.
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                 THE COURT: -- with Mr. Gardner.
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings.
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                 THE COURT: The information that I provided Mr.
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       Gardner --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- applies to your case as well.
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: And the important thing that you need to
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      understand --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
                 THE COURT: -- is that if you continue to --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings.
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                 THE COURT: -- if you continue to be disruptive --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Are you aware I am a live flesh and
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      blood man?
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                 THE COURT: -- that you will be removed from the
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       courtroom --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- and you will not be allowed --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings.
                 THE COURT: -- to remain in the courtroom --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings.
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                 THE COURT: -- for any of this.
                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: This Court lacks subject matter
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       jurisdiction for lack of verified complaint and lack of verified
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       complaint sworn under oath.
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                 THE COURT: But you will be free to change your mind --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings.
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                 THE COURT: -- and return to the courtroom at any time.
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceedings. That's it.
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                 THE COURT: On December 16th --
                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- we will have further proceedings.
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: You will be brought to the courthouse.
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: And you will have an opportunity to tell me
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      then whether --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- whether you wish to remain in the
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      courtroom --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- or whether you would rather remain
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      outside.
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I don't consent. I don't understand
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       any of these court's proceeding. I didn't sign any contract with
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       this Court or with any agency affiliated with this Court that
       compels me to perform certain terms and conditions. Therefore, I
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       don't consent. I don't understand.
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                 THE COURT: This course of action seriously
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      undermines --
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                 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object.
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                 THE COURT: -- the --
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DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object, I object. 1 2 THE COURT: -- the likelihood that you will receive a 3 fair trial. 4 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 5 THE COURT: All right. Marshals, would you please 6 remove Mr. Harris from the courtroom? And if you wouldn't mind, 7 bring --8 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I object. 9 THE COURT: -- bring out Mr. Martin and Mr. Mitchell 10 together? 11 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I am Shelton Lee Harris, a live 12 flesh and blood man, under special visitation, under threats, 13 duress, and coercion, not general, not pro se. This Court lacks 14 subject matter jurisdiction for lack of verified complaint and for lack of verified complaint sworn under oath. 15 16 (Defendant Harris leaves the courtroom.) 17 THE COURT: What's pretty amazing, frankly, is, in all 18 honesty, they absolutely have to practice that because those are some awkward words to put together. And everyone that I've seen, 19 2.0 although Mr. Gardner seemed to be reading his, but the other defendants seem to have gotten down pretty pat. I don't know. 2.1 22 Maybe there's a tape that they can play. 23 My heart goes out to you, Mr. Martin, it really does. 24 MR. HARDING: Judge, you said December 16th. I think

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it's December 8th.

1 Thank you, Mr. Harding. December 8th. THE COURT: 2 Sharon, if you'll prepare a transcript of my colloquy 3 with Mr. Gardner, just the part of Mr. Gardner, we'll make sure 4 that each of the defendants gets a copy. I assume the next two 5 are going to pretty much do the same thing, like Mr. Harris did. 6 Yes, Mr. Crowe. MR. CROWE: On behalf of Mr. Martin, I think Mr. Pyne 7 and I would like a few minutes to talk with him before the Court 8 9 begins the colloquy. 10 THE COURT: Okay. Sure. 11 (Pause in proceedings.) 12 (Defendants Martin and Mitchell enter the courtroom.) 13 THE COURT: Mr. Martin, will you -- -14 A DEFENDANT: I object. I am Shelley Wayne Martin, live flesh and blood man. Shelley, capital S, lower case H, 15 16 lower case E, lower case L, lower case E, lower 17 case Y. Wayne, capital W, lower case A, lower case Y, lower case 18 N, lower case E. Martin, capital M, lower case A, lower case R, lower case T, lower case I, lower case N. I am a live flesh and 19 2.0 blood man, not a defendant of the court. 21 THE COURT: Are you willing to listen to the Court? 22 am asking both of you, are you willing to listen to the Court? 23 A DEFENDANT: I object. 24 (Inaudible.) THE COURT: You are going to have a --25

A DEFENDANT: I object. I don't understand any of these court proceedings.

THE COURT: The long and the short is --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

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THE COURT: -- it is up to you whether you remain in the courtroom or not. The constant interruptions are disruptive to the proceedings.

A DEFENDANT: I object. I don't understand.

THE COURT: And they will not be, and they will not be tolerated. Your objections are fully preserved in the record.

Your written motions are in the record and your oral objections made here this morning, as you well know, are on the record.

If there are convictions in this case and there is an appeal, what you've done so far by filing your motions, the objections on the record this morning, are more than sufficient to preserve your rights.

A DEFENDANT: I object. I have no rights under the Constitution.

THE COURT: The appellate court will be fully empowered to review the principles that you have sought to invoke, just as the Court's earlier rulings, some of which were in favor of the government, some of which were not in favor of the government.

Those that were in favor of the government will be subject to review by an appellate court if there are convictions in this case. And even if the appellate court, the United States

Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, agrees with the government on those issues, then those issues can be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Your objections to these proceedings, to the Court's jurisdiction, to the lack of understanding about these proceedings, are all preserved in the record. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever that you must, in order to preserve your record, object every time the Court or one of the attorneys says something --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

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THE COURT: -- that you don't like.

A DEFENDANT: I am not a defendant in this matter.

THE COURT: And that objection is preserved on the record. So the proceedings will go forward. They will not --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

A DEFENDANT: I object. I object for lack of verified complaint, lack of verified complaint under oath.

THE COURT: And the question that you will have to answer is whether you choose to be in the courtroom for these additional proceedings, including the trial, or not in the courtroom.

If you choose not to be in the courtroom, the Court will check with you on a regular basis to see whether you changed your mind.

A DEFENDANT: I object. I am not a defendant. I am

here under threats, duress and coercion.

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THE COURT: If you choose not to be here, the Court will give you the opportunity on a regular basis --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: -- the Court --

A DEFENDANT: I didn't ask.

THE COURT: The Court has ruled against your motions.

(Inaudible. Defendants talking over one another.)

A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: The Court has ruled against your motions.

A DEFENDANT: I object. (Inaudible.)

THE COURT: Those are issues that you can raise on appeal if there is a conviction. But the Court's not going to permit repeated disruptions to the proceedings.

A DEFENDANT: I object. I don't understand any of these court proceedings.

THE COURT: Now, Mr. Gardner was polite enough and respectful enough when he was here to permit the Court to explain in considerable detail all of the choices that are before you and the consequences of the choices you make. The Court will order a transcript of what I said to Mr. Gardner and I will send each of you a copy of that transcript so that you can read for yourself what you won't let me talk to you today about. You can read for yourselves what your choices are and how you can proceed.

But you will be brought back to the courthouse on

1 December 8th, the next date of proceedings in this case. 2 A DEFENDANT: I object. 3 THE COURT: And you will be given the option at that 4 time whether you wish --5 A DEFENDANT: I object. I don't understand any of 6 these court proceedings. THE COURT: -- whether you wish to remain in the 7 courtroom or whether you would rather remain in the lockup during 8 9 the proceedings. 10 A DEFENDANT: I object. 11 A DEFENDANT: I object. 12 THE COURT: Now, on the question of counsel. 13 A DEFENDANT: I object. I do not need counsel in this 14 matter and I am not a defendant in this case. 15 THE COURT: Do you wish to represent yourself? 16 A DEFENDANT: I object, I object. 17 A DEFENDANT: I object. 18 A DEFENDANT: Conflict of interest. He has a conflict of interest. I do want to have him but the conflict of 19 2.0 interest --21 THE COURT: All right. 22 A DEFENDANT: I object. I do not understand any of the 23 charges. 24 THE COURT: So that if at some point you actually wish 25 to have the Court discharge your lawyers --

1 A DEFENDANT: I object.

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A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: But you need to know that that would be a true, true foolish thing to do, to fire your lawyers. And it is foolish not to cooperate with them. But under the law, under the law, even in a death penalty case, even in a death penalty case, if a defendant --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: -- insists on representing himself, and if the Court is satisfied that the defendant in his actions, is in his right mind and voluntarily and intelligently and knowingly waives the right to counsel, the Court can permit a waiver of counsel.

The problem here, of course, for you two is that if you both fire your lawyers --

A DEFENDANT: I object.

THE COURT: -- and disrupt the proceedings --

A DEFENDANT: I object to these court proceedings.

THE COURT: -- then you're not going to have anybody representing you and you're not even going to enter the courtroom. And there may be somebody out there telling you that that will be a way for you to proceed, but I assure you it will not work. It will not work. This case will go forward. It will go forward.

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                 A DEFENDANT: I object, first of all.
                 THE COURT: All right. I will see both of you on
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       December the 8th.
                 A DEFENDANT: I object. (Inaudible.)
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                 THE COURT: You don't have to respond at all. All
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       right, counsel, we're in adjournment until December 8th, 10:00.
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                 (Conclusion of Proceedings.)
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